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DIARY NOTESDD/S

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1. I met with Dick Bissell on a number of items, as follows:

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a. I told him I thought that we should get something to the [REDACTED] rather promptly on [REDACTED]. He thoroughly agreed, was apologetic for not having taken action on this sooner, and promised that he would come up with a recommendation within the next few days. *fl*

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b. I expressed my interest in and concern for our present situation in Project [REDACTED]. I told him I thought that we ought to decide rather promptly whether we were going to continue this Project or liquidate it, and that if the decision were to liquidate it, we should recognize that it could not be done overnight but would probably take a considerable amount of time in order to salvage as much of the taxpayer's dollar as possible. He was also very much interested in bringing this to a head and I told him I thought that he would be receiving a paper very shortly from the Division concerned on this subject. (I want to follow up on this with Gates.)

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c. We also discussed [REDACTED] house in [REDACTED]. I told him that insofar as I was concerned I thought that in this connection Frank ought to make a decision as to those portions of this expense which should be borne by the Agency and by himself, and that whatever his conscience told him on this I would be willing to accept. I stated that insofar as the length of the lease was concerned it was risky to undertake a long-term lease since it was highly improbable that Frank's successor would need as much house; accordingly, we might be faced with either paying rent far in excess of our needs for several years or paying a stiff penalty clause to get out of fulfilling our long-term obligation. I agreed with Dick that we should emphasize to the Station the high desirability of getting a short-term lease but that if this were impossible I felt that, in this particular situation, we should go ahead with a long-term lease and risk the consequences. He is drafting a paper on this in which he will ask me to concur. It will be along the foregoing lines.

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d. My principal reason for seeing him was to reach some agreement on the DD/P space problem in the new building. He stated that there was at least a fifty-fifty chance that his plan to reduce his headquarters strength would be successful and, if so, he could fit all of DD/P, including DPD, in the [REDACTED] spaces now provided. He also agreed to furnish me with the strength figures of the various units at an early date and I emphasized that I would need them by the end of September. If, in fact, at the time we are ready to move into the building he cannot get all of DPD into it (less TSS) he may still want to raise the

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question of evicting another unit. I emphasized that I could not commit myself to any particular position on this but that if he were to evict another unit he must recognize that the space would in all probability not be contiguous to other DD/P space and would not be designed to accommodate a specialized unit such as DPD. This he accepted. He also agreed to remain on the third floor with his personal staff rather than move to the fifth floor.

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25X1A5a2 [redacted] hire a mechanic at \$6,000 per year to do work for which we had been paying
[redacted] \$13,500. I also discussed this Project with him. He felt it was urgent that we pick up the ball and run with it in order to avoid an unwise decision which was being made to junk the whole thing immediately without trying to salvage as much of the taxpayer's dollar as possible. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 3. I approved of Jim Garrison sending [redacted] to Europe to inspect certain [redacted] had arranged to buy to meet DD/P require- 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 4. Gordon Stewart telephoned in connection with the President's Award for Outstanding Civilian Employees. I agreed to touch base with General Cabell on this matter and then advise him. (I suggested to General Cabell that the only possibility I could think of would be the Director and there was some question as to whether he could qualify as a career civilian employee. He felt that we should not submit a candidate this year.) 25X1A

25X1A6a 5. [redacted] telephoned to acknowledge my request that he go to the [redacted] However, he does not like to fly and requested permission to go by rail. I told him that the trip was not that urgent and to postpone it indefinitely. 25X1A

25X1A9a 6. At Lyman Kirkpatrick's suggestion I approved of Gordon Stewart attending the weekly meetings of the Efficiency Task Force. 25X1A

25X1A6a 7. I talked to [redacted] about permitting more FE stations to requisition direct [redacted] rather than submitting their requisitions through Washington. Bob is prepared to put all FE stations on this basis with the possibility of having requisitions for "controlled" items come through Washington. (I have advised Jim Garrison of this.) I also asked Bob to check into the requirements which [redacted] had been levying on the [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] had said "everything sent to [redacted] had to be done on a 'crash' basis. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 8. [redacted] reported that Dick Bissell announced that he intended to establish a Program and Project Branch in his immediate office and that [redacted] was now the senior DD/P man on matters concerning organization. 25X1A9a

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between the Office of Logistics and DD/P for the slot involved. I agreed with him that it would be better not to raise this as a big issue and that I would make an additional slot available to Logistics without asking DD/P to give up one.

10. The following item was also discussed when I met with Dick Bissell:

He was somewhat unhappy about the lack of coordination in the purchase of a helicopter for CAT. He had learned, however, that DD/S was not at fault and his argument, if any, was with General Cabell and his own people who had not kept him advised. I think his primary concern, however, was the fact that he had a seven-page paper on his desk which he and I, as well as General Cabell, would sign recommending action which had, in fact, already been taken. This gave me an opportunity to raise the question of the coordination of CAT. I emphasized the necessity for having a single point of contact in DD/P for operational matters and for coordinating with [REDACTED] on everything having to do with CAT whether it involved business management or operational matters. He indicated his complete agreement with this and, furthermore, undertook to call a meeting in the very near future which Gates and George would attend at which time he would lay this on with his own people. (I briefed George and Larry on this.) I also told Dick that I had inherited CAT quite by accident and that due to the efforts of Gates, Larry, George, and [REDACTED] a tremendous improvement in business management had been made and, in fact, I thought that it was in excellent shape at this time. With this prelude I then said that if at any time he felt that the Agency would be better served by turning the responsibility for this Project over to DD/P I would be very glad to do so. He indicated that he had no desire to accept the offer.

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